

CLAIMS:

1. An animal trap system comprising:
a plurality of animal traps, each trap comprising:
a moving portion having at least two positions;
a transmitter for periodically rf transmitting a
5 signal identifying the one of the plurality of animal
traps comprising the rf transmitter and the position
of the moving portion; and
a central unit for receiving rf signals from the
plurality of animal traps and for identifying the trap comprising
10 the transmitter transmitting each signal and for identifying the
position of the moving portion comprised by each animal trap.

2. An animal trap system in accordance with claim 1
wherein each animal trap comprises switch for generating a trap
signal representing the position of the moving portion.

3. An animal trap system in accordance with claim 2,
wherein the rf transmitter of each trap responds to the switch
to identify the position of the moving portion.

4. An animal trap system in accordance with claim 3
wherein the switch comprises first and second states and the rf
transmitter comprises apparatus responsive to a change of state
20 of the switch for transmitting a signal representing the animal
trap comprising the switch which changed state and the state into
which the moving portion moved.

5. An animal trap system in accordance with claim 1
25 wherein the control unit comprises apparatus for annunciating the
identities of ones of the plurality of animal traps and the
position of their respective moving portions.

6. An animal trap system in accordance with claim 5
wherein the apparatus for annunciating comprises a plurality of
30 indicators of animal trap condition each for displaying the
position of a movable portion of a respective animal trap.

7. An animal trap system comprising:

a plurality of animal traps, each trap comprising:

a moving portion having at least two positions;

a transmitter responsive to a change in the position of the moving portion for rf transmitting a signal identifying the one of the plurality of animal traps comprising the rf transmitter and the position of the moving portion; and

a central unit for receiving rf signals from the plurality of animal traps and for identifying the trap comprising the transmitter transmitting each signal and for identifying the position of the moving portion comprised by each animal trap.

8. An animal trap system in accordance with claim 7 wherein each animal trap comprises a switch for generating a trap signal representing the position of the moving portion.

9. An animal trap system in accordance with claim 8, wherein the rf transmitter of each trap responds to the switch to identify the position of the moving portion.

10. An animal trap system in accordance with claim 7 wherein the rf transmitter comprises apparatus for periodically transmitting a signal representing the animal trap comprising the transmitting transmitter and the state of the moving portion.

11. An animal trap system in accordance with claim 1 wherein the control unit comprises apparatus for annunciating the identities of ones of the plurality of animal traps and the position of their respective moving portions.

12. An animal trap system in accordance with claim 11 wherein the apparatus for annunciating comprises a plurality of indicators of animal trap condition each for displaying the position of a movable portion of a respective animal trap.

13. An animal trap system in accordance with claim 11

wherein the means for annunciating comprises an automatic e mail sender.

14. An animal trap system in accordance with claim 13 wherein the means for annunciating comprises an automatic telephone dialer.

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